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REVISION OF THE WORKING OUTLINE OF A STUDY ON ECONOMIC
CAPABILITIES OF THE SOVIET BLOC TO SUPPORT A GENERAL WAR

A. General

1. The first part of the twofold study of Economic Capabilities of the Soviet Bloc to Support a General War, as outlined in WGC-D-1, will be conducted in two phases. During the first phase, the study will be focused entirely on cold war economic capabilities for the period 1 July 1952 to 1 July 1953. During the second phase, the study will be expanded to cover the economic capabilities to support a hot war for the period 1 July 1952 to 1 January 1953.
2. The deadline for a finished report of the first phase is 24 March 1952. The deadline for contributions to the EIC Working Group is 3 March 1952. The deadline for a finished report of the second phase is 19 May 1952. The deadline for contributions is 14 April 1952.
3. WGC-D-1 will continue to serve as a working outline for the entire study (including both the first and second phases), except as amended herein.

B. Revisions and Clarifications of Instructions for Military Analysts
(Annex I of WGC-D-1)

1. Data on hot war consumption will not be compiled during the first phase (i.e., prior to 3 March 1952). Hence columns (E) and (H) and the last column in table 3 will not be filled in during the first phase.
2. CIA will be estimating production and production capacity of trucks, tractors, electronic tubes, and POL. Hence military analysts need not make independent estimates of production and production capacity for these items. The estimates for these items to be entered in column (C) may be CIA estimates, coordinated estimates, or independent estimates. The nature of the estimates is to be indicated in appropriate footnotes.
3. The following minor revisions should be made in table 1:
 - a. Insert in the heading of column (B) after the word "capacity": "as of 1 July 1952."
 - b. Insert in column (C) before the word "indigenous" "old

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- c. Insert in column (C) after the word "production": "(1 July 1952 to 1 July 1953)."
- d. In the stub, insert the words "by type" after each of the following: ammunition, bombs, rockets, and mines.
- 4. In the stub of tables 2 and 3, substitute "explosive and propellants, by type" for "coke-chemicals" (item 9).
- 5. It should be noted that some of the inputs in tables 2 and 3 will not be applicable to particular military end-items. For instance, there are no significant direct inputs of explosives into the production of tanks.
- 6. The word "input" should be understood to mean direct input. For instance, the input of steel into tanks means the amount of steel used in the tank industry to produce tanks, including scrap wastage at that stage of production.
- 7. It is recognized that reasonably firm estimates will not be available for all inputs into a particular end-item. If a choice must be made, it is better to have reasonably firm estimates of a few inputs for all end-items rather than reasonably firm estimates of all inputs for only a few end-items. Hence attention should be directed first towards inputs about which most is known or about which most can be found out within the time period of the first phase of the study.
- 8. Inputs of basic materials into end-items, such as steel into tanks, may include inputs into components of that end-item, such as steel into ball bearings in tanks. It is extremely important that these cases be appropriately footnoted if those components also appear in the list of inputs (see table 2). If such cases are not noted, double-counting will occur since CIA is also estimating inputs into those components. For instance, CIA will be estimating the amount of steel used in production of ball bearings. If inputs of steel into tanks includes input of steel into the ball bearings in tanks, the amounts of the ball bearings in tanks must be clearly indicated so that appropriate adjustments can be made in the CIA estimate.
- 9. In the cases of some inputs, it may be less difficult to make estimates for a group of end-items than for specific end-items. That is, an estimate could be entered in table 3 but not in the table 2 for each of the end-items. There is no objection to this procedure, provided it is minimized and clearly noted in every case.

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10. It is important that the reliability and independence of estimates be indicated. Paragraph IV of the instructions in WGC-D-1 suggests several ways of indicating reliability and independence. Analysts are encouraged to use any other means of indicating reliability that seem appropriate.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Joint Intelligence Group (Red Team)
FROM : Executive Secretary, Economic Intelligence Committee
SUBJECT : The Economic Capabilities of the Soviet Bloc to
Support a General War

1. Attached is the working outline for a study on the above subject, as revised by the EIC Working Group (EIC-D-1 and EIC-D-2).
2. In accordance with earlier discussions, the Working Group requests that the JIG (Red Team) take such steps as necessary to supplant JIGN-277-51 with the attached working outline.
3. Copies of the working outline have been sent to service representatives on the Working Group.

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Enclosures

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